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Request for Soviet Economic Data Necessary for
Next Phase of Soviet Input-Output Studies

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1. On 11 January I met with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] They gave to me a list
of the areas in which they feel we could be of help to them in the next
stages of their input-output work.

2. The areas discussed were as follows:

(a) Price data. They would like to have as many specific prices
of industrial products as possible for the 1955-64 period. Especially
important for them are prices in the machinery, chemicals, and nonferrous
branches of industry.

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I would suggest that we could survey the holdings of ORR branches
to see what is available. I believe that we have some price handbooks not
available to [REDACTED] suggested could be reproduced
in part [REDACTED] In addition, I think that
R/M has a project underway on machinery prices. The worksheets from this
project would be valuable for [REDACTED] purposes.

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(b) Budgetary data related to military expenditures. [REDACTED]
would like to see any CIA studies that attempt to identify the various
residuals in the Soviet State Budget for the 1959-65 period.

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[REDACTED] can arrange secure channels [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I believe we could send [REDACTED] copies of The Soviet Budget for
1963, ER 63-18 (OUO); Possible Sources of Defense Expenditures in the Soviet
Budget, ER 64-42, (Secret), and Trends in the Production, Allocation, and
Expenditure Residuals as Indicators of Changes in Soviet Outlays on Military
and Space Hardware in 1958-63, ORR Project 14.4560, (Secret). We could also
furnish some of [REDACTED] worksheets which bring the budget residuals
up through 1965.

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(c) Physical output data. [REDACTED] would like to have data for 1959 and succeeding years on the output in the shipbuilding, aircraft, passenger car, truck, and tractor sectors -- with a breakdown by model, insofar as possible.

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Physical production series for cars, trucks, and tractors should be available in ORR. As you know the estimates for shipbuilding and aircraft are classified, and I don't know whether they could be given [REDACTED] must use some of these estimates somewhere within its organization for some of the studies it does for the [REDACTED]

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(d) Gross value of output (GVO) data. [REDACTED] needs all officially reported values for GVO for any industrial sector or branch (in current or constant prices) for the period since 1958.

I know of only three such values. Perhaps some of the branches have found some others in their coverage of the specialized literature.

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(e) Turnover tax rates. [REDACTED] would like to have rates per unit of value for specific commodities and total turnover tax collections in different industries for the period since 1958.

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There is some scattered data in the open literature. We could round them up through conversations with [REDACTED]

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(f) Foreign trade data. [REDACTED] needs data on Soviet exports and imports in current domestic prices. He is also interested in any work we may have done on identifying gaps and residuals in reported Soviet trade data.

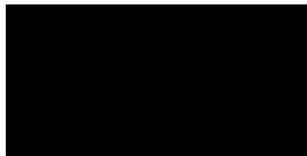
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According to [REDACTED] some infrequent attempts have been made to price Soviet exports and imports in rubles other than at the official exchange rate. Ruble-dollar ratios might also be of help in this problem. As for residuals in the trade data, C/E and C/F have played around with these residuals to see if they contain military aid.

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3. If you think it advisable, I could start rounding up some of this material. Perhaps I could put [REDACTED] in charge of prying the data out of the various branches and organizing it intelligibly. Much of the data would be useful for the branch files in any case.

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Bill -- My reaction is (1) that

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[redacted] is a respectable operation,

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(2) [redacted] is doing something useful, which really falls within ORR's assigned area of responsibility.

Hence, [redacted] is paying for solid

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research which CIA/ORR is

responsible for by Charter. We

would be, I think, in a difficult

spot if [redacted] asked us to pick

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up the tab for [redacted] research.

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Therefore, I recommend

Cooperation to keep [redacted] paying

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as long as it will.

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Remarks:

- 1) Cy attached for MRA (Attn: [REDACTED] 25X1A
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- 2 to 3 - [REDACTED] -- Mr Morell would like your reaction to the attached proposal. wn.

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